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SUBJECT: NEW BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR TO QATAR

1. THE BDG NOVEMBER 17 ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF
BRIGADIER OHAMMAD MASHHOOR-UL HAQUE, NOW CHIEF OF
PROTOCOL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS AMBASSADOR
TO QATAR. THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
WAS PRINTED IN THE BANGLADESH TIMES NOVEMBER 18
(EDITED):

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

2. BRIGADIER MOHAMMAD MASHHOOR-UL HAQUE WAS BORN IN
OCTOBER, 1928, AND EDUCATED AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
MISSION HIGH SCHOOL AND PRESIDENCY COLLEGE, CALCUTTA,
AND DACCA UNIVERSITY. HE WAS COMMISSIONED FROM THE
PAKISTAN MILITARY ACADEMY, KAKUL, IN 1950 AND COMMANDED
VARIOUS UNITS TO THE EAST BENGAL REGIMENT AND SUBSE-
QUENTLY WORKED AS STAFF OFFICER IN THE GENERAL HEAD-
QUARTERS. LATER, HE COMMANDED THE TRIXFL TROOPS IN THE
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FRONTIER CORPS (I.E., IN WEST PAKISTAN). HAQUE HAS
SERVED AS CHIEF INSTRUCTOR OF THE PAKISTAN ARMY SCHOOL
OF EDUCATION IN THE MUREE HILLS. AS A CAPTAIN, HE
ORGANIZED THE FIRST BADET COLLEGE OF PAKISTAN AT
FOUZDARHAT (NEAR CHITTAGONG) AND AS LIEUTENANT COLONEL
HE ORGANIZED THE 7TH BATTALION OF THE BENGAL REGIMENT.
AFTER BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE IN 1971, HE COMMANDED ARMY

FORMATIONS AT JESSORE AND COMILLA. LATER, HE SERVED AS MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT. SINCE 1976, HE HAS BEEN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HAQUE IS WIDELY TRAVELLED AND IS FOND OF RIDING AND SHOOTING. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: FROM THE ABOVE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HAQUE IS A TALANTED MILITARY OFFICER NOW UNDERTAKING A DIPLOMATIC CAREER. WE HAVE LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE ON HIS MILITARY CAREER OTHER THAN FELLOW OFFICERS SNIDE REMARKS BELITTING HIM AND WE WONDER HOW HE ATTAINED A POSITION AS MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT. THAT POST REQUIRES ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROTOCOL SKILLS, NEITHER OF WHICH HE HAS EXHIBITED IN HIS PRESENT POST. OUR CONTACTS WITH HAQUE AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAVE FOUND HIM GENERALLY UNRELIABLE AND INEFFECTIVE, ACTING MOST FREQUENTLY CONTRARY TO OUR REQUESTS. THIS VIEW IS WIDELY SHARED BY WESTERN CHIEFS OF MISSION HERE WHO ARE JOINED BY CAREER MFA OFFICERS IN WISHING HAQUE BON VOYAGE WITH THE APPRAISAL THAT DOHA'S LOSS IS DACCA'S GAIN. HE IS UNSOPHISTICATED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A FOOL OF HIMSELF AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

4. HAQUE HAS SEVERAL TIMES MADE IMPROPER REQUESTS
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OF THIS EMBASSY FOR SUCH THINGS AS DUTY-FREE GOODS. HOWEVER, HE HIMSELF DOES NOT CONSUME ALCOHOL (BEYOND AN OBLIGATOI SIP OF CHAMPAGNE). MRS. HAQUE IS A SHY BUT PLEASANT WOMAN.
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